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SUBJ: FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER ON SOUTHERN LEBANON

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1. MORNING APRIL 12 WE MET WITH DE GUIRINGAUD'S
CABINET ADVISOR FOR MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS, LECLERC, TO
CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS REF A CONVEYING US ASSURANCES
THAT WE CONTINUING PRESS ISRAEL TO ISSUE UNCONDITIONAL
STATEMENT ON WITHDRAWAL, OUR BELIEF THAT ANY HINT OF
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FRENCH CONSIDERATION OF WITHDRAWAL WOULD UNDERMINE
INTEREST OF OTHER TROOP CONTRIBUTORS, AND THE VERY
SERIOUS IMPLICATION FOR STABILITY OF LEBANON AND THE
REGION IF FRENCH TROOPS WERE ACTUALLY TO WITHDRAW.
LECLERC (WHO TOOK DETAILED NOTES) UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY
THIS APPROACH IMMEDIATELY TO DE GUIRINGAUD.

2. LECLERC SAID THAT THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN TEL AVIV HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM THE GOI OF FRENCH DESIRE FOR AN EARLY UNCONDITIONAL ISRAELI COMMITMENT TO WITHDRAWAL. HE IS TO MAKE CLEAR THE GOF POSITION THAT THERE IS NO LINK BETWEEN THE QUESTIONS OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF UNIFIL, THOUGH HE MAY POINT OUT THAT AS A PRACTICAL MATTER IT IS THE ISRAEL FOOTDRAGGING ON WITHDRAWAL WHICH IS IMPEDING THE UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT.

3. LECLERC SAID THE GOF WAS SOMEWHAT CONCERNED BY GENERAL SIILASVUO'S REMARKS TO THE EC NINE AMBASSADORS IN TEL AVIV TO THE EFFECT THAT HE DOUBTED THAT THE 4,000 MAN SIZE FORCE PROJECTD FOR UNIFIL WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO DO THE JOB. THE FRENCH WILL SHORTLY HAVE ABOUT 1200 MEN ON THE GROUND IN LEBANON--NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF UNIFIL. THE GOF IS ALREADY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEGREE OF FRENCH EXPOSURE RESULTING FROM THIS PERCENTAGE AND THERE IS NO QUESTION OF ITS BEING INCREASED. IF AT SAME TIME THE UN IS ABLE TO GET THE SIZE OF THE FORCE UP TO SIX OR EIGHT THOUSAND MEN THE GOF MIGHT THEN CONSIDER SOME FURTHER AUGMENTATION IN THE NUMBER OF FRENCH SOLDIERS, BUT THEIR PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL FORCE SHOULD BE LESS THAN IT IS NOW.

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